



NEWS RELEASE

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CORRECTION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

\$300,000 Emergency Replacement of Fire Damaged Guardrail

REDDING – (Platina) The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 will implement an emergency contract to replace approximately 2600 feet, (1/2 mile) of **medal beam guardrail** (MBGR) along State Route 36 near the Shasta/Tehama County line. The MBGR destroyed by a fire on August 10, spans nearly four miles of Route 36. Damage to both east and westbound sections measuring 200 to 590 feet may exceed \$300,000 in repairs.

The contract will require replacement of 800 meters of MBGR, reconstruction of a short guardrail earth retaining structure, erosion control due to fire equipment disturbance and road sign replacement.

Crews will be placing portable changeable message signs to warn the public of the fire damaged area. Construction is expected to begin Monday August 15 with completion in two to three weeks. One way traffic controls will be in effect during construct. Motorists may experience slight delays

The 2876 acre fire believed to be caused by overheated motorcycle saddlebags, began on Wednesday around 5:30 PM. CDF officials expect full control by 6:00 PM August 13.

For information about construction projects, road closures or delays go to www.dot.ca.gov/dist2 then click on Road Information Bulletins.

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NOTE: An electronic version of this news release and downloadable photos is available on the Internet at the following web address: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/news_releases.htm



Caution slippery sign damaged in the fire along State Route 36 near Platina



Section of Guardrail east of Platina on SR 36 destroyed during the recent fire that consumed more than 2800 acres. Caltrans estimates the damage at around \$300,000.